

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on February 7, 2003 at 9:04 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)  
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)  
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)  
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)  
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)  
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch  
Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary

**Video-taped Committee:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 302, 2/3/2003; SB 320, 2/4/2003

**HEARING ON SB 302**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

9:05       **SEN. BEA MC CARTHY, SD 29, Anaconda** "Revise taxation of multiple undivided interests in a single parcel of property". She stated there were amendments - SB30201.alh **EXHIBIT(tas27a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

9:07       **REP. DAVE LEWIS, HD 55, Helena**  
9:10       Ronda Carpenter, MT County Treasurer's Assoc.  
9:12       Don Allen, Powell County **EXHIBIT(tas27a02)**  
9:13       Jim Currie, Self, suggested the bill be amended to include others than just mining claims.  
9:14       Patrick Callaghan, Treasurer, Butte/Silver Bow County  
9:16       Patty Donahue, Treasurer, Anaconda/Deer Lodge County

**Opponents' Testimony:**   None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

9:18       **SEN. DAN HARRINGTON** questioned Dolores Cooney who then referred the question to Patrick Callaghan.  
9:37       Ended  
19 min     Time elapsed

**Closing by Sponsor:** **SEN. MC CARTHY** closed on SB 302.

**Discussion on SB 302:**

9:40       Begin  
9:50       Ended  
10 min     Time elapsed

**CHAIRMAN BOB DE PRATU** called for a 15 minute recess to wait for **SEN. JON TESTER** to present SB 320.

**HEARING ON SB 320**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:32       **SEN. JON TESTER, SD 45, Big Sandy** "Revise local government laws concerning tax increment base value" He presented amendments SB032001.alk **EXHIBIT(tas27a03)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:33       Rick Morris, Mayor, Fort Benton  
10:42       Alec Hansen, League of Cities & Towns,  
             **EXHIBIT(tas27a04) EXHIBIT(tas27a05)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**   None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:46      **SEN. MIKE TAYLOR** questioned Brad Simshaw, Tax Policy  
Research, Department of Revenue

10:55      Ended

9 min      Time elapsed

**Closing by Sponsor:**    **SEN. TESTER** closed on SB 320.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:55 A.M.

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SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

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SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (tas27aad)**